

Grapevine

The End of an Era

**The Abraham Lincoln Recreation Center
(now known as the Member Services Building)**

Closes for Renovation

**The recently renovated Lincoln Center
remains open for entertainment**



Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – January 18, 2008

From the Administrator's Desk...

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The Members Services Building is almost empty. Activities has moved to Section F. The Library and BX will be moving to the basement of Section G by the end of the month to join many of the other services there. The attached maps of Sections F and G indicate where offices and activities are located. Also, I will be attending your house meeting in the near future (during January, February and March) to answer any questions you may have.

It will be necessary to scale back some services appropriate to the space available but the staff is making every effort to compensate. The library, for example will have a limited book collection but the librarians will lead excursions to the Napa County Library where you can access its many conveniences. Other services will be expanded--the Coffee Shop has more room and will be adding menu items. Hash browns, anyone?

Let's keep in mind that the old "Recreation Building" was due for upgrading. The lack of air conditioning was a real problem; some facilities had to be closed early during summer months because of heat. We can cope with the changes for a couple of years while we have so much to look forward to. This is one of those instances where making an effort now and having patience will pay off in the future.



Marcella M. McCormack
Administrator

We Weathered the Storm

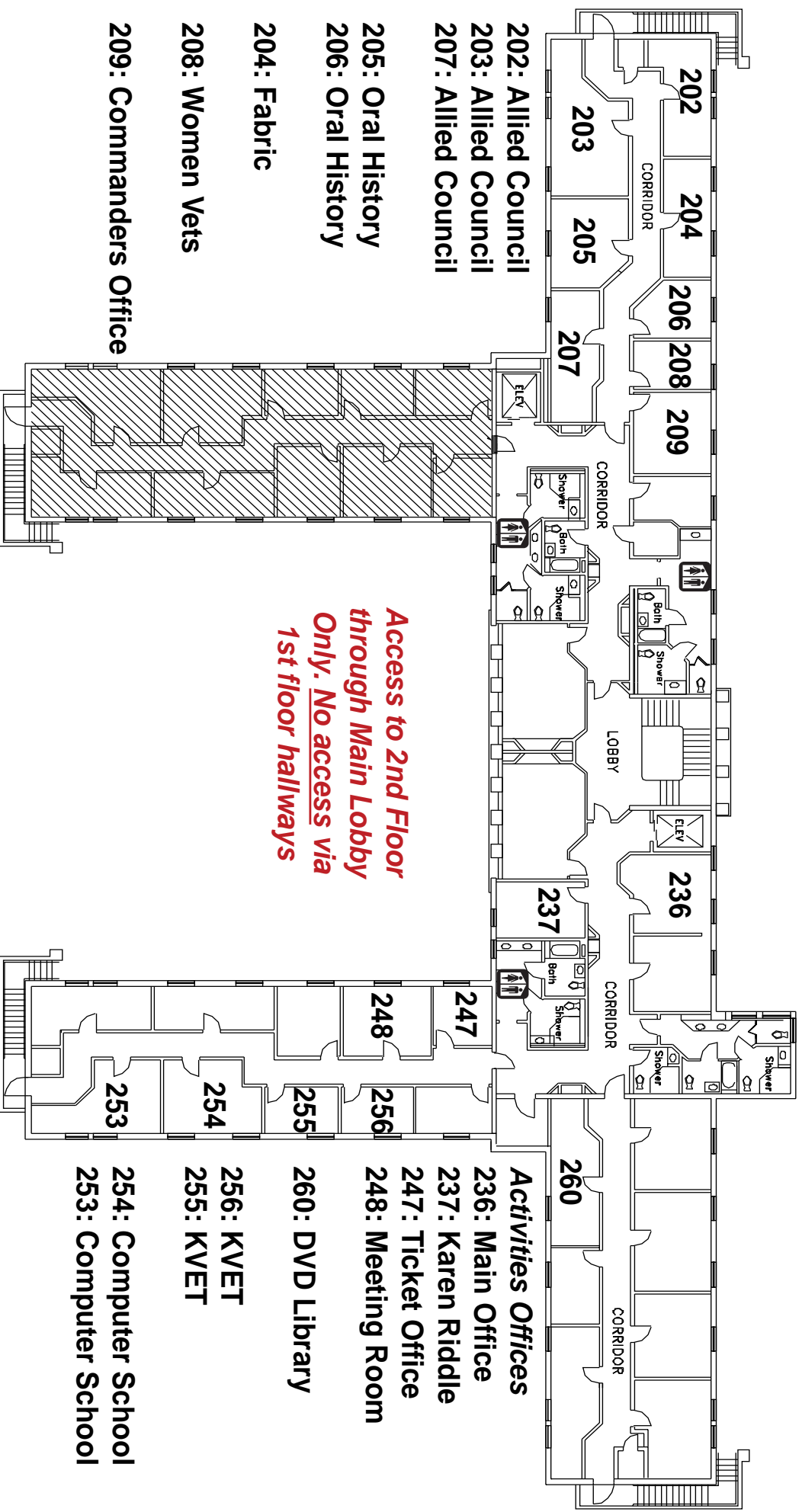
Bart Buechner, Deputy Administrator

The Home weathered the storms this past week fairly well, with particular credit to Bill Hargis and the Plant Operations team, who spent many hours ahead of the rain, checking drainage and problems areas for flooding potential. When the lights went out in the storm last Friday, the Home's Emergency Response Team formed in the Holderman Hospital to coordinate recovery operations. Electricians Jim Kennedy and Mike Greeson distinguished themselves by repairing a faulty circuit board in the Main Dining Room emergency generator by "remote control", talking on a cell phone with flashlight and screwdriver in hand with the factory technician (who was stalled in traffic due to the storm and couldn't get here) to get the generator back online in time to prepare and serve the evening meal. Sharon Parda and the Main Dining Room staff ensured the members were fed despite the power outage, and provided a warm, well-lit place for them to gather.

The teamwork by many of our staff in response to the storms was good, but there were still some incidences of water damage, and some lessons learned. One in particular involves leaks in the Ambulatory Care Clinic roof. On inspection, it turns out

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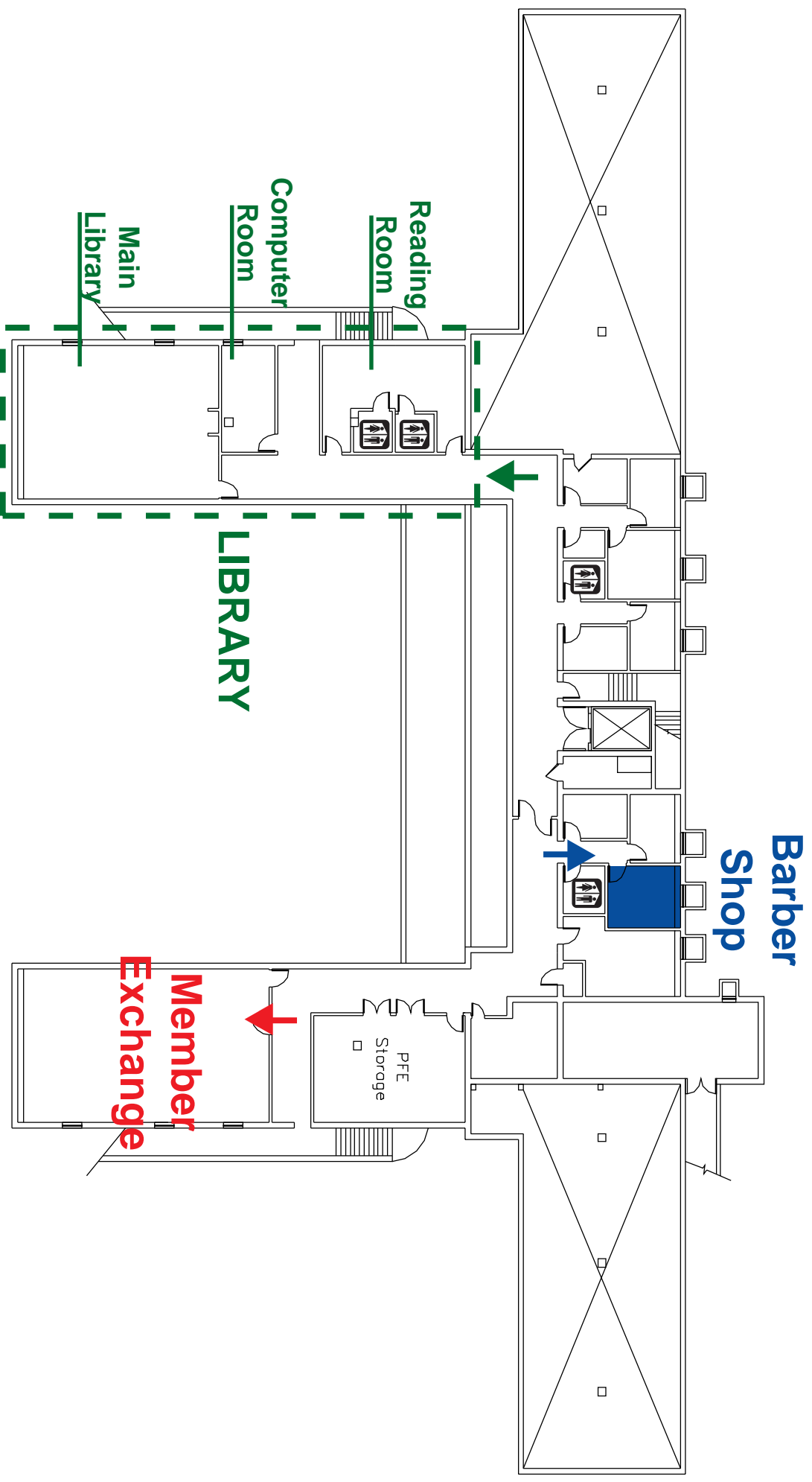
Section F 2nd Floor



Kitchen



Section G Basement





CDVA Proposed 2008-2009 Budget

Secretary Tom Johnson's Statement on the Agency's 08/09 Proposed Budget

On January 11th Secretary Tom Johnson of the California Department of Veterans Affairs released the following statement on the Agency's proposed 2008-2009 budget:

"California is faced with a severe budget crisis, and no agency can or should be exempt from bearing some of the burden. Because we recognize that veterans have already borne the burden of defending our freedoms, we are committed to ensuring that any impact of budget reductions will have the least amount of impact on the veterans that we serve. No matter the outcome of the budget, we will not let the services and care that we provide to the veterans who live in our state veterans homes be diminished or harmed. This administration has worked long and hard to ensure that our three veterans homes meet or surpass all state and federal standards of care and service, and this commitment will continue 100 percent."

"We remain on schedule for the construction and planning of the five new veterans homes in this state, so that we may better serve the veterans in California. As a matter of fact, in the Governor's proposed budget, our department will receive \$9.4 million to pay for the construction and activation of the three new homes in Southern California and another \$580,000 to pay for the initial construction and pre-activation phases of the Redding and Fresno veterans homes."

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the leaks were caused by careless smokers tossing lit cigarettes out the Hospital windows, which then burned through the roofing. The roofing is only a few years old, but will now have to be replaced or repaired at considerable cost. There were other instances in Residential Care buildings where members have thrown liquids out the windows which have eaten through the roofing. We do have some funding this year for special repairs, and will be repairing roofs to prevent leakage as a priority. However, all of us can do our part to reduce needless damage caused by carelessness. Please keep an eye out for and correct the actions of those that damage our facility, so we can devote our limited funds to improvements to make this a better place for all of us to live and work.

Again, congratulations to the Home Team for thoughtful preparation, vigilant response, and competent recovery during some very serious inclement weather.

Monthly Remembrance Service

**Dates for 2008
Memorial Chapel,
Thursday, 10 AM**

January 10	February 14
March 13	April 10
May 15	June 12
July 10	August 14
September 11	October 9
November 13	December 11

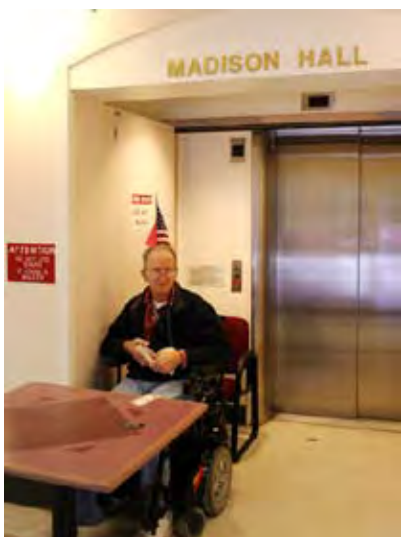
Chaplains Office
Veterans Home of California
Yountville, CA 94599
(707) 944-4840

On the move - More relocations to Section G/Madison Hall

By Neil Remnant

Post Fund Enterprises and Activities relocations.

Madison Hall, Section G, is reawaking with the arrivals of more very important functions formally located in the Member Services Building (previously known as the Recreation Building). A Home Member "Greeter" can direct you to the different areas.



Home Member Greeter Bob Forster

The new activities and other functions moving into Section G will share space with the new Pathway Home which is mainly located on portions of the first floor and on the second floor. Home Members may not enter their space without invitation.

Our activities are located on the main (1st) floor and spacious basement area.

The Gym moved earlier and is located in the two wings of the main floor closest to the Alameda. Entrance to each gym is through the side doors near the Alameda.

There is no access to the gym from the lobby area.

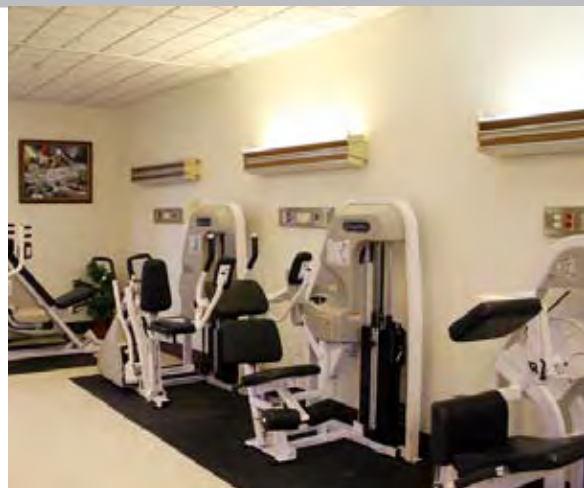
The new Coffee Shop and Tavern area is located on the ground floor and are in full operation. The only access to the Coffee Shop/Tavern is through the main lobby.

The Barber Shop is in operation and is located near the center in the basement area. The Post Fund Enterprises –Tillie Crossman's office is also in the basement.

The Library has moved to the south wing of the basement.

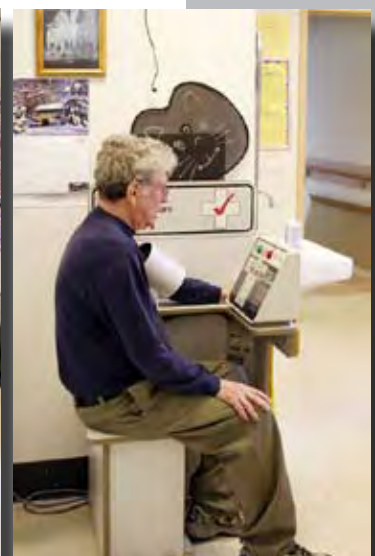
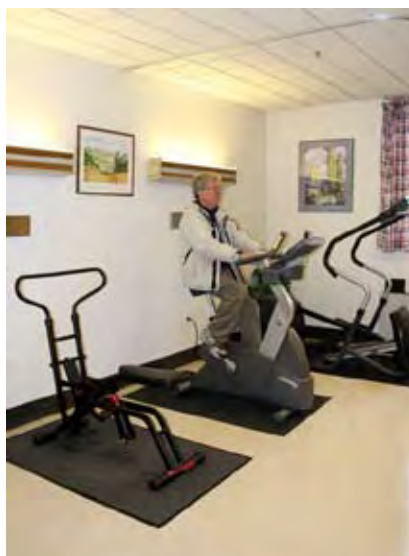
The store at the Members Exchange (AAFES BX) will be one of the last to move to the basement at the end of January. According to BX manager Ernest Reyla it is scheduled to close Monday, February 4th and reopen Wednesday, Feb 7th.

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above: Larry Griffin

below: Dan Goodman checks his blood pressure after an aerobic workout.





Barber Fred Johnson and Home Member Terry Uglean. The Barber Shop is located in the basement of Section G near the center.



Vanessa Helmuth, Kathi Sjøtvedt, Tillie Crossman



Lottery Seller Don Davis

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The French Fries are Back!

By Lou Zauner

The Coffee Shop/Tavern is now relocated on the first floor of Section G, Madison Hall, in the dining room. And, yes, the French fries are back.

A new mobile kitchen is in place on the west side of Section G, just off the dining room. A tent-covered area provides outside dining and a weather cover for the mobile kitchen window.

Much like before, orders for food are taken inside the dining room and then carried out to the mobile kitchen. You can then take your food back into the dining room or enjoy al fresco dining in the tent. It is slightly reminiscent of food at the fair but much nicer ... and much less costly!

The opening day special was the ever-popular Sombero Salad. Oh, how we've missed that.

Access to the dining room is through the Alameda-side front of the building via a pedestrian sidewalk between the Bandstand and Section A. Inside the lobby, it's a slight right and then follow the signs to the Coffee Shop.

From the outer-circle rear entrance – from the north, follow the path by the food tent from the far South end of the Main Dining Hall parking lot; from the south, follow the path to the food tent and enter the lobby of Section G. Once inside, follow the signs to the left.

The hours of this new facility are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hot food (including favorites missed since the fire) will be served from the morning hour to 1:30 p.m. Snacks, sandwiches and beverages will be continually available; and the Lotto and Scratchers mechanisms are also located just inside the Coffee Shop main door.

The outside tent room is the limited at present and plans are in progress to pour another concrete pad to provide extra seating. Did I mention the onion rings are back?



Member Services Move

Only our AAFES Member Exchange (BX) is left in the Member Services Building and will soon be moving. It is expected to open in the basement of Section G on February 6. The following chart reflects the new locations of services that have either moved or are in the process of moving. Most phone numbers will remain the same.

- ***Please remember:***

Section F offices can be accessed *only* from the lobby in the center of the building.

- Section G doesn't have room numbers so if you are lost, please ask someone. There is no access to the 2nd floor.

- Both Sections have residents. Remember to respect their privacy.

Program		New location in Section F
Activities Office: Karen Riddle		Section F – second floor – room 237
Activities Office: Fern & Leo		Section F – second floor – room 236
	Ticketing Office	Section F – second floor – room 247
♦	Meeting Room	Section F – second floor – room 248
Allied Council		Section F – second floor – rooms 202, 203, 207
Program		New location in Section G
Barber Shop		Section G – basement at middle
Coffee Shop/Tavern		Section G – main floor & in new Mobile Kitchen
☛ Gym		Section G – main floor, end of north & south wings
Library (opens Jan 16)		Section G – basement – south end
Member Exchange (BX)		Section G – basement – north end
Program		New location in Holderman Rec Area (HRA)
Meetings		HRA unless other arrangements have been made

♦ Meeting Room: This meeting room holds approximately 10 to 15 people and will be used for various purposes. Just a few of the activities that will be using this room are AMVETS meetings, Doo Wop & Pop, Pro Bono Lawyer, etc.

☛ Gym: Each of the gym rooms is easily accessed on the Alameda side of the building by using the side doors on the north or south ends of Section G.

Individual groups formerly meeting in the Member Services Building should consult the Activities Office for new room assignments.

DVD Library Opens

The DVD Library (Vets Home Video Library) has reopened in Section F, room 260. Hours are from 8 am to noon, Mondays through Friday. You will find a new, smaller but cozy, library complete with a big screen TV to preview DVDs. Because of the limited space VHS tape videos will no longer be available. The selection of DVDs grows daily so come by and see what we have to offer and drop off your donations.

To access the DVD Library, enter the lobby of Section F and take either the stairs or the elevator just north of the lobby to reach the second floor. On the second floor turn left (north). The DVD Library is in room 260.

The last vestiges of the “old” disappear from the Member Services Building

Volunteers from Travis came to the Home to move the Library and clean out the last of the Member Services Building furnishings. Sales from the weekend before and from that day had left little in the building to be removed, but the Lincoln Library was the big challenge.

The Library was closed on January 16th for the big move. Amazingly it has reopened in its new facility in the basement of Section G. Most of the books are present but there are more to follow.

Thanks, Travis, for making the move possible.



The last of the video tapes. The new DVD Library will carry only DVDs so the old VHF tapes were sold for 50¢ each. The DVD Library is in room 260 of Section F and is open 8 am to noon.





❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

Change is Good

You know, darlings, we can get in a rut, going the same places and doing the same things every day. When I go 'round the Alameda, I always stop at the Members Services Building because some of my friends will be there. Well, no more for a while. My friends are scattered among Sections "F" and "G", and I will have to sniff them out. That could be fun -- a chance to learn and explore new places.

Most of you know I'm not a girl any longer, and the dumbest thing ever said is "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Aging is a trade-off. It's true I'm not as fast as I used to be. (Squirrels have gotten very cheeky -- they seem to know I can't give them much of a chase.) However, I've had a lot of experiences and I can use that to my advantage because I've learned what's important.

A study found some big differences between the young and the elderly. The young adapt easier to changes in technology -- and commit more crimes. As we get older we become more responsible and more loyal. We've learned the value of friends and the importance of society. Politicians are afraid to offend the elderly, you know; they're more likely to vote.

Change is going to happen whether we want it to or not. So it's good to be prepared. I've been nosing around learning where things are going to be. There's someone just inside Section "G" who can tell you where everything is, and moving is almost completed. I roamed the corridors of section "F" trying to memorize where everything is. As I squeezed past an employee he patted my head, and I remembered a story about Winston Churchill.

The House of Parliament had always been small, and after bombs wrecked it in World War II, some saw it as a chance to build a spacious replacement. "Put it back the way it was," ordered Churchill. "It's the closeness that promotes spirit." So let's all approach the changes with optimism. We will find advantages -- if we look for them. We just won't call our new facilities cramped. We'll call them "intimate and cozy."

Poetry Reading has Relocated

The monthly poetry reading has moved to its new location. The second Saturday readings will be held in the Napa Valley Museum. The Napa Valley Museum is located in Yountville. Exit Highway 29 following the signs for the Veteran's Home. Turn right at the top of the tree-lined drive. The Museum is then the first entry at the right. There will be signs and the Poetry Reading will be in the lower level (there is an elevator).

Sanitation means more than a clean towel

By Lou Zauner

The enormous responsibility of the Sanitation Department is under the supervision of Linda La Rue, a manager of over 28 years of experience who effectively guides the multitude of vital operations-- part of overall Hospital General Services. Under her supervision, in addition to the housekeeping of the Hospital wards, all annexes and, domiciles, are the Laundry; the Mail Room; and the Property Department. To accomplish these services, Linda heads 78 employees for Custodial and Housekeeping services, 9 for Laundry services, 1 plus 3



Linda LaRue, Cherie Benjamin, Bea Dulinsky

to 4 volunteers in the Mail Room. Also, handling the huge volume of work of the Property Department, she has 3 to 5 employees. The Staff includes 2 day and 2 night supervisors.

The Hospital, wards and annexes are referred to as licensed areas, meaning they are licensed by the Department of Health and subject to special inspections and sanitary care, which does not mean that the public areas such as the domiciles, Dining Hall, administrative offices



Gwen Culpepper showing the "personal Laundry" machines



Luis Uribe, Laundry Supervisor and assistant Suzi Pena

and all Home areas receive less attention. Accordingly, all must be attended on almost a 24-hour basis, every day of the week. The cleansing of the multitude of bathrooms, utility rooms, lounges, hallways and keeping total sanitation of all these facilities and more current, is a monumental task in itself. Also consider the mountain of chemicals, bathroom paper products, plastic bags and the cleaning equipment itself that must be transported and subject to extensive inventory

left: Erik Kastan and Matt Lopez, Property Management employees

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Gwen Culpepper showing part of the record keeping sources of information needed to accurately identify the incoming and outgoing personal laundry.

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The Laundry Services likewise is another huge operation. Not only does the Laundry handle all the bathroom towels, washcloths and bedding linen, but is also responsible for the personal laundry for Hospital and higher-care patients. This operation is in charge of Gwen Culpepper, who also has record-keeping responsibilities of an immense volume. Keeping track of individual Home Member's personal laundry, both intake and return; requires well-organized records and procedures. Likewise, the volume of all the laundry for the Veterans Home itself only begins with the average use of 3,600 towels daily. Five days a week, an average load of over 3,500 pounds of soil count is shipped to Vacaville Prison Industries for washing, and the return loads of clean count received averages over 2,700 pounds. All this laundry must be likewise inventoried, separated and stacked for scheduled deliveries to its multitudinous destinations.

The Mail Room likewise has the vital responsibility in bringing mail—super-important communication to the Home. Pickup from the Yountville Post Office five days a week is the beginning: Monday pickup begins at 7 a.m., another at 7:45 a.m. and then again at 9:45 a.m. The other weekdays, at 8 a.m. and again at 9:45 a.m. The Mail Room is in charge of Sandy Spalding, who has the super-important responsibility of seeing that the letters, documents, publications, and all are accurately and promptly delivered to the Home— individual Home Members, Staff and the multitude of departments. Sandy relies on 3-4 volunteers and Home Member assistants for the magnitude of work involving pickup, sorting and delivery to the addressed destinations.

The Property Department is in charge of Roger Barker.

Not only is this Department in charge of inventory and tagging all State property, but also for storage (limited) of Home Members individual personal property. Likewise, if you wondered who was responsible for the heavy-work of moving operations of offices and individual domicile rooms, it's the Property Department.

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Esperanza Zavala working in the hallway of Section D

Mountains of clean curtains and bathroom supplies



Property Management custodian Matt Lopez

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When Linda LaRue was asked how she so effectively manages the extensive and gigantic responsibilities of the Sanitation Department, her reply was, “Good employees and supervisors—and invaluable volunteers.”

The Mail Room



George Herrick and Tony Rossi headed for another mail mission



Supervisor Sandy Spalding busy at the computer and surrounded by loaded mail trays.

Find Local Deals through Military.com

The Military.com all-new Classifieds site helps you find the perfect pet, car, home, or even tickets to a show or game - wherever you're based. Posting an ad is free and only takes a few minutes. Go to <http://www.oodle.military.com/> and select a category to browse or use the “what where” search near the top of the page to find a deal.

Are You Being Served? Meals on Wheels at the Ready

By Chris Williams



*Rain or shine,
the meals get
through.*

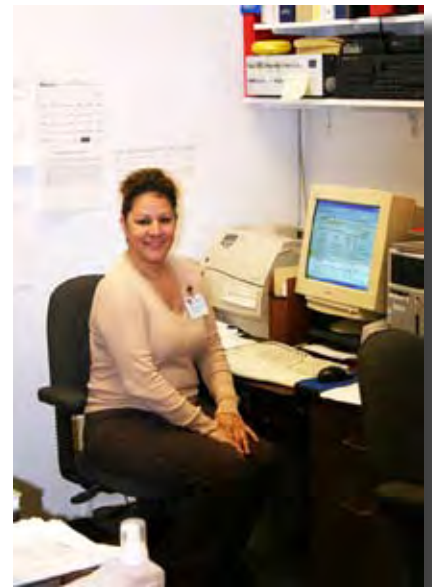
So, you're an early-bird. You arrive at the dining hall so early for a meal that you have to wait in line. The staff is poised, and you think they've spent the previous hour waiting for you. Well, not quite. They have already prepared thirty to sixty meals and sent them on their way with the Meals on Wheels driver. They have it down to a system, and trays are filled and the tops are pressed on quickly to keep the contents warm and fresh. Lunch bags and trays are all labeled with the diet they contain, regular or several kinds of specials.

It begins in Holderman or ACC when your physician or a nurse decides you should take it easy while you recover. They will call the dining hall or enter it into the computer. Supervisor Shirley Mandez (*photo at right*) then makes up a master list with each individual's requirements and the staff refers to it frequently as they prepare the meals. The driver picks them up as they're finished and stacks them on his cart, doing some organizing as he goes.

Did you think the recent rains would delay delivery? Oh, no. Drivers Paul Cheatham, Jr. and Jerry

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below left & right: Luz Paturo and Jeanette Lucas loading the Meals on Wheels trays





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Rambajan brave the elements to keep the process working. As with many services here, there's more to it than meets the eye.

They have to make the rounds of nine sections, Security, and the hospital when requested. They still have time to think of individuals. "Paul is the most thoughtful and accommodating person here," says Shirley Coen.



Jerry Rambajan



Scams Targeting Troops and Families

Stars and Stripes
By Joseph Giordano

A 3rd Infantry Division soldier deploying to Iraq is warning other servicemembers of the latest scam to target troops and their families.

According to 1st Lt. David Cowan, in early December his 84-year-old grandmother received a phone call from a man calling himself J.D. Taylor. The man claimed that Cowan was on his way home on leave from Iraq for the holidays, but had gotten hung up and lost his wallet and military identification card.

Cowan's grandmother, he said, was "asked by this person to wire \$800, allegedly on my behalf so that I could get back home and surprise my family for Christmas."

The claim was a scam. Luckily for Cowan and his family, his grandmother knew to be suspicious of strangers asking for money, even if they'd somehow managed to reach the relatives of a soldier whose name they knew.

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The Women and Minority Veterans Quarterly Newsletter



The first issue of the *Women and Minority Veterans Quarterly Newsletter* was available on January 7, 2008. This quarterly newsletter will be sent via email to everyone on the *NewsForVeterans* email list, which includes all CDVA employees, veterans organizations and individuals who have asked to have their names included. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Jaime Arteaga at Jaime.arteaga@cdva.ca.gov.

Copies will be sent to women veterans who have asked to be added to the Women Veterans Roster. The instructions to be added to the roster can be found at www.cdva.ca.gov/Resources/CWVR.aspx.

In the near future the newsletter will be added to the CDVA website which is www.cdva.ca.gov.

Congratulations to Barbara Ward, Julio Calderon, Jaime Arteaga, JP Tremblay and the other who are responsible for this fine, new communication for women and minority veterans.

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"I told her to write down everything she could remember from the conversation and to immediately contact the authorities," Cowan wrote in an e-mail to Stripes. "My grandmother is 84, and still a very sharp woman. Thankfully, she immediately saw through his scam and decided to contact me directly."

Cowan suspects the scam artist will try a similar ruse with other military families. And according to federal investigators, he's probably right.

In recent years, the FBI has tracked a growing number of scams targeting military families or making false claims to prey on the public's feelings of good will for troops.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center has tracked scams including ones sent from purported soldiers who have found or "stolen" millions of dollars in Iraq. Those scams are similar to the "Nigerian" e-mail scams.

"The scam E-mail vary in content; however, the general theme of each is to request personal information and/or funds from the individual receiving the e-mail," according to an FBI primer on the subject.

Despite repeated warnings about these particular or general scams, FBI officials say, many people still fall for them.

Investigators say Cowan handled the situation correctly. Law enforcement authorities advise people to never provide any personal or financial information over the phone or send money to a stranger on a relative's behalf.

If contacted by a suspicious-sounding person, one should record the details of the conversation and immediately contact local and federal authorities, they say.

January 2008 Programs at the Napa Valley Museum

Sat, Jan 19
2 to 4 pm

Obsidian Obsession - Lecture and Demonstration with Clinton Hulse, The Heart & Art of Collecting Obsidian Artist. In addition to speaking about the construction of his arrows included in The Heart & Art of Collecting, Clinton will give a demonstration of obsidian carving. After learning how early inhabitants of the Napa Valley chipped their tools and arrowheads from obsidian, Clinton decided to create his own stylized arrows incorporating fly-tying techniques with his own arrowheads and memorabilia. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.



Wed, Jan 23
9 am to 3 pm

Passport to the Arts Bus Trip to The Legion of Honor Marie-Antoinette and the Petit Trianon at Versailles Exhibition. The Napa Valley Museum transports you to another time and place with our Passport to the Arts Bus Trip to the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. The Petit Trianon was Marie-Antoinette's personal retreat at Versailles, and one of the few places where she could express herself and her taste. Through the decorative arts, paintings and sculpture that adorned the Petit Trianon, visitors glimpse the true style of the queen and see how it played a role in the history of France. \$48 for members, \$55 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations and payment.



Sat, Jan 26
2 to 4 pm

A Conversation with Collectors with Bob Hornberger, Railroad Lamp & Lantern Collector and Jerry Berg, Juvenile Western Memorabilia Collector. Compared to the purchase of everyday objects, which are easily disposed of when obsolete, collecting implies passion and feeling for the objects themselves. Join this discussion about how and why we engage in collecting with two collectors whose prized possessions are included in our current exhibition, The Heart & Art of Collecting. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.



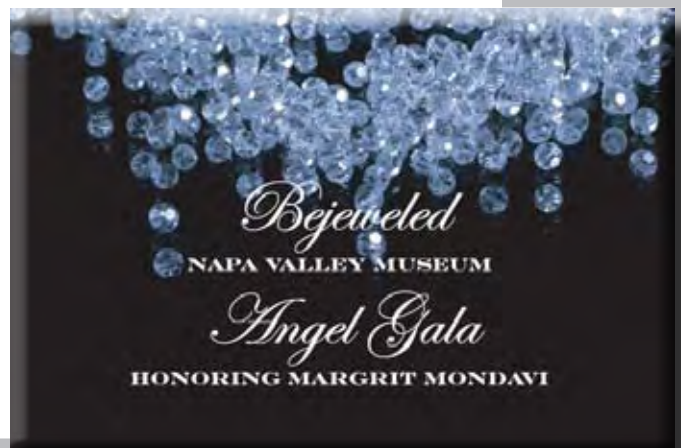
Angel Gala - Bejeweled

A Benefit for the Napa Valley Museum honoring Margrit Mondavi.

Save the date: Saturday, February 9, 2008

Tickets are \$300 per person – no free Home Member Tickets are available for this event.

To purchase tickets please call 944-0500.

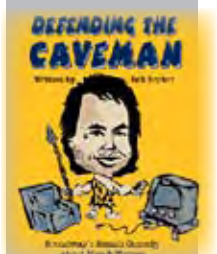


LINCOLN Theater



Sat, Jan 19
7 pm

Eternal Vision Eternal Vision brings its energetic style of Southern Gospel music to Lincoln Theater for one night only. Audiences around the country are raving about this award-winning group. Experience their superb musicianship, harmonious vocals and inspirational message and you'll understand why they were named Southern Gospel Music Association's Excelling New Artists and won three Fan Favorite Awards in 2006.



Sat, Jan 26
8 pm

Defending The Caveman By popular demand this return engagement of Defending the Caveman brings the longest-running solo play in Broadway history back to Lincoln Theater. This brilliant comedy show has won the hearts of millions worldwide including here in the Napa Valley. With hilarious insights on feminism, masculinity and erogenous zones, it mines the common themes of relationships and nails the funny bone.



Sun, Jan 27
3 pm

Peter Rabbit and Friends Welcome to Beatrix Potter's world! Join the mischievous Peter Rabbit and friends Benjamin Bunny, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail and a host of other characters as they bring to life four of Potter's classic tales: "The Tale of Peter Rabbit", "The Tailor of Gloucester", "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny" and "The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies." Suitable for the kindergarteners and up, this is an opportunity to spark a lifelong love of live performing arts!



Fri, Feb 1
8 pm

The Comets - Tribute to Birth of Rock'n'Roll Arguably the first true rock-n-roll band, The Comets came on the music scene in 1952. With the late Bill Haley, they changed the face of music in the 1950s with hits like "Rock Around The Clock." The five surviving original members reunited in 1987 and have been performing ever since. Come see hundreds of years of collective rock-n-roll experience light up the stage along with Chance Tinder and his "Tribute to Elvis" which has been hailed as "One of the Ten Best in America" by *US Magazine*.



Fri, Feb 8
8 pm

Sat, Feb 9
8 pm

Sun, Feb 10
3 pm

The Mikado Combine Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece "The Mikado", one of the most frequently performed pieces in musical theatre history with Opera à la Carte, known as the foremost Gilbert and Sullivan repertory company in the country and you have the ingredients for an unforgettable evening of musical theatre.

"The Mikado as it ought to be..." – Los Angeles Daily News

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Thu, Feb 14
8 pm

Rockapella “Some say the best musical instrument of all is the human voice - If you’ve seen ROCKAPELLA, you know it’s the truth”, said USA Today. Formed for the sheer love of performing, Rockapella began on New York City street corners with a tip hat at their feet. Now this five-man vocal powerhouse sweeps through sold-out venues year-round. A hot, fast, vocally compelling show.



Sat, Feb 16
7:30 pm

Napa Valley Youth Symphony - Serenade To Youth Come join the *Napa Valley Youth Symphony* in this unprecedented gathering of Grammy Award Winners, Metropolitan Opera Artists, and exciting rising stars in an unforgettable evening featuring Vaughan Williams’ gorgeous *Serenade to Music* and other opera favorites. Artists include: Two-Time Grammy Award Winner Sylvia McNair; Grand Diva Erie Mills; Gramophone Award Winner Juliana Gondek; Internationally renowned tenor John Aler; A dozen other opera stars!



Sat, Feb 23
7 pm



FROGZ FROGZ has been described as Cirque Du Soleil-inspired acrobatics mixed with Mummenschanz-like mime, set in a unique, yet accessible, French-influenced, avant-garde playground. Created by Carol Triffle and Jerry Mouawad of Imago Theater in Portland, Oregon, FROGZ is an award winning production that promises a wild evening of action and fun.



Napa Valley Symphony Classical Concert III

February 2nd at 8:00 pm

February 3rd at 3:00 pm

Zuill Bailey, cello & Giora Schmidt, violin

Brahms

Concerto in A minor for Violin and Violoncello, Op. 102

Tchaikovsky

Symphony #6 in B minor, Op. 74



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Residential Care Special Events

The Member Services Building is now closed for all activities. The Activities Office has relocated to Section F, Room 236. Because of limited space for waiting, we suggest that you sign up for events by telephone or email. The Activities Office phone numbers are 944-4900 and 944-4901. Email may be sent to karen.riddle@cdva.ca.gov. Signup is available 2 weeks before event. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.

January 2008

	Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
19	Sat	7:00 pm	<i>Eternal Vision Gospel Music</i>		LT	Yes
21	Mon		<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Offices Closed</i>			
22	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		Sec F room 248	
24	Thu	5:30 pm	Warriors/New Jersey	MDR		Yes
26	Sat	8:00 pm	<i>Defending the Caveman</i>		LT	Yes
27	Sun	3:00 pm	<i>Peter Rabbit & Friends</i>		LT	Yes
29	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		Sec F room 248	

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; **Bor:** Borman Field; **Chp:** Chapel; **GH:** Grant Hall; **HL:** Hospital Lobby; **HRA:** Hospital Recreation Area; **Lib:** Lincoln Library (Section G basement); **LT:** Lincoln Theater; **MBS:** Main Bus Stop; **MDR:** Main Dining Room; **MPG:** Main Picnic Grounds; **CS/Tav:** Coffee Shop/Tavern (Section G main floor); **VHC:** Veterans Home Cemetery; **VGC:** Vintners Golf Course; **XII:** Annex II; **Ynt:** Yountville; **YVP:** Yountville Veterans Park.

Highlights for February:

February 8: Napa Elks Dinner. It is absolutely necessary to sign up for this event if you intend to attend. *Anyone arriving at the Napa Elks without a ticket cannot be accommodated.*

February 9: Native Daughters of the Golden West Valentine's Day Tea.

February 16: Concert by world famous pianist Gustavo Romero.

February 23: PAWS for Healing open house in the Hospital Rec Area with their therapy dogs. Learn about what they do while enjoying refreshments and entertainment.

The Games Room has been closed. Pool tables will be in Ward 4 Activity Room in Holderman. Card games will be in various locations.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Wednesday night and Friday night movies have moved to the Hospital Recreation Area. We look forward to seeing movie-goers at these free showings on our new large screen at our new movie nights in the Hospital Recreation Area.



Fri, Jan 18 – "Oceans 13" New (2007). Latest in "Ocean's" series recaptures fun and games of earlier installments. Cast—George Clooney, Andy Garcia and Al Pacino. Above average entertainment.

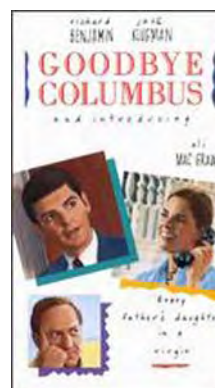
Wed, Jan 23 – "Days Of Heaven" 1978 romantic drama. Cast—Richard Gere, Brooke Adams Sam Shepard and Linda Manz. Set in turn-of-century Midwestern farm drama involving young couple from slums of Chicago in scheme to have girl to marry wealthy wheat farmer who is thought to be near death. Extraordinarily beautiful photography won Oscar for cinematographer Nestor Aalmdendros. Should be seen on large screen as we have in HRA. ★ ★ ★ 1/2 stars.



Fri, Jan 25 – "Disturbia" New (2007) well made suspense movie. Troubled teen confined to home by electronic ankle bracelet and becomes obsessed by watching neighbors—including beautiful girl and suspicious man across the street. Invites comparisons to Hitchcock "Rear Window" above average entertainment.

Wed, Jan 30 – "Goodbye Columbus" 1969 romantic, bittersweet comedy. Stars—Richard Benjamin, Ali MacGraw, Jack Klugman and Michael Meyers. Philip Roth's best-selling social satire with young male librarian falls in love with young, beautiful daughter of successful Jewish family.

★ ★ ★



Fri, Feb 1 – "Bourne Ultimatum" New (2007) spy action thriller. Third in Bourne series. Stars Matt Damon. Very good action scenes nicely constructed in international locations. ★ ★ ★



Hosp. Rec. Area
Theater doors
open at 5:15 pm
Wednesdays &
Fridays

Special selected
presentations at
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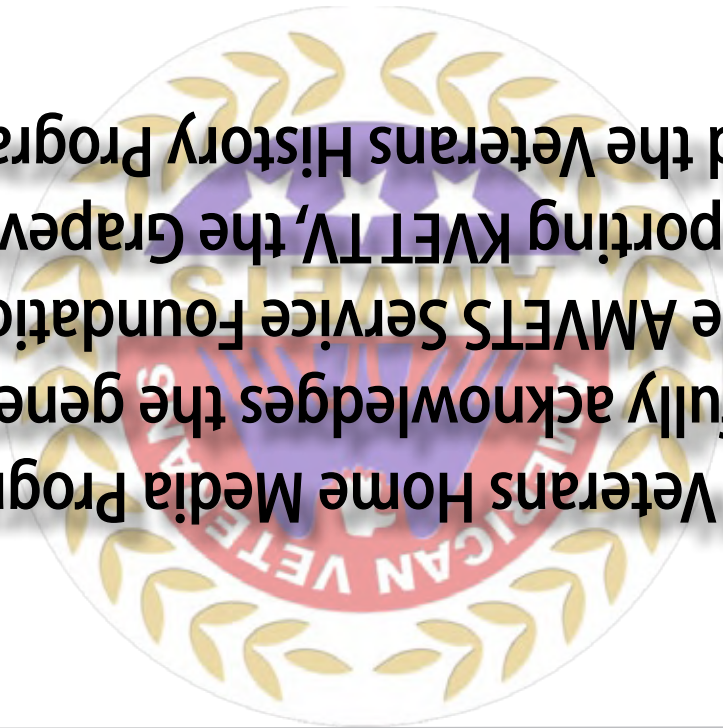
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